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SUBJECT: CLERIDES/DENKTASH SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS (NO. 3)

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1. UN SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN REPORTS THAT NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WAS ONLY SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN ANY DETAIL DURING TODAY'S TALKS.

2. WECKMANN DESCRIBED POSITIONS OF TWO NEGOTIATORS AS "WIDE APART.". WITH REFERENCE TO FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL FOR REOPENING SUBMITTED LATE DECEMBER, DENKTASH SAID IT HAD BEEN GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION BY TURK SIDE BUT REJECTED. IN REPLY, CLERIDES STRESSED GREEK CYPRIOT DESIRE TO INCLUDE UNITED NATIONS IN ADMINISTRATION OF REOPENED AIRPORT, AND PROPOSED FOLLOWING CHANGES IN HIS ORIGINAL FIVE-POINT PLAN:

A. WITH REGARD TO POINT ONE, SERVICES OF FIR WOULD EXTEND TO "ALL LOCAL AIRPORTS PRESENT OR FUTURE."

B. IN POINT TWO, TERM UN "MANAGEMENT" WOULD BE REPLACED BY UN "SUPERVISION." THERE WOULD BE NO DVARD, AS CLERIDES VIEWS THIS AS UNNECESSARY, BUT ONLY A DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY
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DIRECTOR (ONE FROM EACH COMMUNITY). UN SUPERVISORS

WOULD ESTABLISH POLICY AND DIRECTORS WOULD IMPLEMENT.

C. WITH REGARD TO POINT FOUR, AREA AROUND AIRPORT WOULD BE NEUTRALIZED.

3. THE FIVE-POINT PLAN AMENDED AS ABOVE NOW STANDS AS CLERIDES' FORMAL NEGOTIATING POSITION.

4. AFTER REJECTING PLAN, DENKTASH TABLED A NEW THIRTEEN-POINT TURKISH PROPOSAL WHICH, IN WECKMANN'S WORDS, WAS CLEARLY DRAWN UP BY ANKARA. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IT PROVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT UNACCEPTABLE TO CLERIDES. TERMS OF TURKISH PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL.

5. WECKMANN STRESSED THAT NEW TURKISH PROPOSAL IS OBVIOUSLY ANKARA'S MAXIMUM NEGOTIATING GAMBIT AND THAT MODIFICATION OF ITS PROVISIONS, SOME OF WHICH ARE CLEARLY NON-STARTERS, IS TO BE EXPECTED. CLERIDES HAS ALREADY MADE INITIAL OBJECTIONS AND WILL COME BACK WITH DETAILLED REBUTTAL AT JANUARY 24 MEETING. AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, GAP BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK POSITION ON AIRPORT IS VERY WIDE.

6. CLERIDES INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF PROPOSAL FOR RETURN OF 10,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ATHIENOU MADE LAST MEETING. DENKTASH REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO REACTION AS YET FROM TURKISH ARMY.

7. WECKMANN OBSERVED THAT AT THIS THIRD MEETING OF RE-NEWED TALKS THERE CONTINUES TO BE RELUCTANCE ON BOTH SIDES TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS. BOTH NEGOTIATORS, HE SAID, HAD TO BE PUSHED TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. ACCORDING TO WECKMANN, CONFEDERATION IS EMERGING MORE AND MORE AS TURKISH CYPRIOTS GENERAL OBJECTIVE. HE ANTICIPATES LABORIOUS, EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE EVEN FEW OF PROBLEMS INHERENT IN TURKISH THIRTEEN-POINT PROPOSAL, AND IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS WECKMANN POINTEDLY URGED USG TO TAKE SOME ACTION WHICH WILL GET NEGOTIATIONS OFF DEAD CENTER.
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